

Uncle Sam Goes Shopping Streamlines Purchases for His 1,200,000 Hungry Soldiers

Uncle Sam's Army now has a streamlined diet and a streamlined marketbasket with which to go shopping for 1,200,000 hungry appetites. This change in menus and shopping habits, which took place in Army camps, posts and stations all over the country May 1, means not only better balanced meals for draftees but probably better balanced budgets for many farmers, truck gardeners and small producers.

Under the new system, military marketing specialists are buying directly from the producer. These specialists, moreover, do all the purchasing for all the Army posts and camps in their area. Under the old system in effect until last week, each company mess purchased its own food, with the result that in a single area as many as 200 to 300 mess officers might be required to keep Army camp larders stocked.

The field ration plan is likewise designed to make possible much more frequent purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables, so the small producers and even home gardeners may find an Army market for some of their products. As Agriculture Department officials point out, the motor truck will here play a vital role because of its speed and economy in moving produce from out-

lying farms directly to Army posts. Direct farm to market routes are, of course, nothing new to California; many of its larger cities now receive by motor carrier from 70 to 95 per cent of their daily supplies of fresh farm and dairy products.

The Army's decision to put all its shopping for a single area in one basket, instead of in 200 or 300, will insure soldiers a minimum of 5,000 calories a day, provide better balanced diets for all men and make for more satisfactory relations with farm producers.

Uncle Sam's new shopping bag clearly bears the welcome imprint, "Made in 1941."

Enough workers to support a state with the population of Nebraska pass through the gates of the automobile industry's plants each working day.

The pipeline running from the well of Iraq to the Palestine shore of the Mediterranean, carries an estimated 4,000,000 tons of crude oil each year.

The number of horses in Kansas has declined steadily in recent years. The total in 1938 was 418,835; in 1939 it was 386,536 and in 1940, 369,551.

Vitus Bering is credited with discovering northwestern America 200 years ago.

Oil Conservation Group Named by Producers

With the exception of two new field committee chairmen who will be new members and five new field committees, vice-chairmen who will be new alternate members, the 1941-1942 Conservation Committee of California Oil Producers will be made up of the same men as the 1940-1941 committee. Tabulation of the results of the recent balloting by operators is now being mailed to each operator.

The two new field committee chairmen who will become new members of the Conservation Committee at its organization meeting May 22 are Dana Hogan, representing Mountain View and other fields in that area, and J. L. Stephens, representing the Mt. Poso district. Emil Kluth, newly elected chairman of a state with the population of Nebraska pass through the gates of the automobile industry's plants each working day.

The five field committee vice-chairmen who will represent the Torrance-Hermosa field area; E. Robert Burns of MacDonald and Burns, chairman; Chester F. Dolley of Atlantic Oil Co., vice-chairman; D. W. Elliott, William A. Kirk, Lawrence Vander Leek, Fullerton Oil Co.; Sherwood McIntyre, C.C.M.O.; W. E. McCaslin, W. P. Andrews, Everett H. Grubb, L. R. Rogers, Superior Oil Co.; George Ring, Ring Oil Co.; Emil Kluth, Geo. P. Getty, Inc.; John Alford, Alford Oil Co.; A. D. Mitchell, Jim O'Donnell and Franklin C. Kelley.

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Greenland by the most direct route, is 1775 miles from New York.

American soldiers were served beer during the Revolutionary war.

We Love to Tell the Story

Most Californians, in the opinion of most non-Californians, are insufferably proud of their State and gratuitously vocal about its fine points. It's a pleasure when a definitely out-of-state source spreads the good word for California, particularly when that source is considered unimpeachable, like Dr. Edward L. Thorndike, noted Columbia University psychologist. California outranks all other States in "goodness," says Dr. Thorndike, "topping Connecticut, Washington, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York and Oregon in that order." The latest scientific test for "goodness" was applied to all the States along 37 different lines including illiteracy, poverty, homicide rate, prevalence of radios and telephones, per capita expenditures for public health, education, libraries and museums.

Through the years such tests are repeated, proving again and again what any good Californian can tell a scientific searcher for goodness right off-hand—that this State tops all the rest, easily. But California loves the story and will be delighted to go on telling it as long as doubters remain, scientific searchers ask and printers' ink holds out.

The census reports that the average sized farm in 1940 was 174 acres—up 17 acres in 1930.

The ten teams in the National professional football league played before 1,800,000 fans in 1940.

Better 'Chow' Helps Fortify Army Morale

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The army has introduced new field stoves that cook better meals "than ever before" and a songbook containing 67 "pulse-quickening" songs to stimulate morale.

Three units of the new cooking range can be installed across the front end of a one and a half ton truck and meals can be cooked even on the march. Here is what the army says comes out of a single unit enough for 200 breakfasts, 193 dinners, and 150 suppers.

Breakfast—creamed chipped beef, fried potatoes, coffee. Dinner—roast leg of veal, bread-dressing, pan gravy, but-

tered potatoes, string beans, creamed corn, coffee. Supper—rice and tomato soup, baked macaroni, tomato sauce, carrots and peas, coffee. Stove Also Bakes The stove roasts, fries, boils and bakes. Units are constructed of an outer sheet of aluminum lined with stainless steel, which helps the K. P. keep the stove clean. The fire unit is independent of the body of the stove and can be used in many positions, depending on the type of cooking. When gasoline is not available, a wood grate is provided. Cooking equipment in each unit consists of a 10 gallon roasting pan of sheet aluminum with a heavy aluminum sheet cover which can be inverted and used as a hot plate, and a 15-gallon heavy aluminum cooking pot, with an eight-gallon double boiler.

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